

From: David Shalleck [mailto:david@volochchef.com]
Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2008 9:02 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Re: Proposal 2-XA
Importance: High

To Whom It May Concern at BRTF:

I urge you to approve Proposal 2-XA without any changes or amendments. It meets and exceeds the science and conservation goals of the MLPA, while incorporating the least socio-economic impact on fishermen, coastal communities and marine related business. It strikes a balance between preservation, conservation, and sustainable use; the other proposals do not.

Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines and it is enforceable. This is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range user groups.

Thanks for your Consideration

Chef David Shalleck

Food business delivered

*Culinary Production Food Styling Recipe Development
Planning & Design Private Dining*

David Shalleck
1125 Broadway #203
San Francisco, CA 94109
tel. 415.775.8552
fax. 415.775.1140
david@volochchef.com
www.volochchef.com
www.mediterraneansummer.com

From: Jerry Pentin [mailto:jerry@pentin.com]
Sent: Tuesday, April 29, 2008 10:12 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Protecting our resources, making good decisions...

Dear BRTF,

I am writing in support of option 2XA for the MLPA. This option not only accomplishes the scientific goals as stated but also has the least economic impact on coastal communities. It provides a "moderate to high" amount of protection for the resource.

As a concerned and voting citizen, I want California's beautiful resources to be available to all of its public. Proposal 2XA will accomplish the mandated protection with leaving more of the resource available for all to enjoy.

Sincerely

Jerry Pentin
1228 Quarry Lane, Suite D.
Pleasanton, CA 94566
925-846-6066

From: curtis carley [mailto:greenpickertrail@att.net]
Sent: Monday, April 28, 2008 7:36 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support 2-XA

To whom it may concern-

I support proposal 2X-A. It exceeds the requirements of MLPA, and allows my family the opportunity to utilize the coastline for family outings and free dive for abalone along the Sonoma County coastline.

Sincerely,
Teresa Fallon

From: Bruce MacKimmie [mailto:bmackimmie@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Friday, April 18, 2008 6:31 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: In support of 2-XA

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) is California Law and is in the process of being implemented. This process creates Marine Protected Areas (MPA's). The Central Coast MPA's have been designated and approved. The North Central Coast MPA process, covering the waters from Alder Creek (north of Point Arena) to Pigeon Point, is in the final stages of the implementation process.

There are three proposals before the Blue Ribbon Task Force (BRTF) for consideration to recommend to the California Fish & Game Commission for final approval. Proposal 1/3 encompasses approximately 22% of the coastal area under consideration. Proposal 4 encompasses approximately 26%. Proposal 2-XA encompasses approximately 18% which is roughly equal in area to the last approved Central Coast MPA's.

While Proposal 2-XA is the smallest in aggregate area, it is also the ONLY proposal to meet the Science Advisory Team (SAT) size and spacing guidelines for ALL the habitat types at the Moderate-High level of protection or higher. What this all means is that Proposal 2-XA is the most complete and comprehensive proposal and does the best job of meeting the scientific guidelines set forth by the process. And while it is the best scientific proposal, Proposal 2-XA is also the best in terms of minimizing socioeconomic impacts to users, including recreational fishing, whale and bird watching, diving, kayaking and shore based access.

This why I am asking you the Blue Ribbon Task Force to endorse Proposal 2-XA.

Thank you, Bruce MacKimmie

From: Lynda [mailto:cybersis@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, April 26, 2008 9:57 AM
To: MLPAComments
Subject: Support 2XA

To Whom this concerns, Please adopt 2XA as your plan. We have a large family and live in Sonoma county. Fishing is one of the activities that we like to do in our area. It does not cost a lot and we find it affordable and enjoyable. Fishing in Sonoma county is a great learning experience for our children. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Lynda Tatrai

From: gary black [mailto:gblack@ccurr.com]
Sent: Friday, April 25, 2008 2:04 PM
To: MLPAComments
Cc: techsupport@unitedanglers.com
Subject: Marine Life Protection Act Initiative

Blue Ribbon Task Force:

This letter is written to urge you to forward Proposal 2XA, **in its entirety**, to the Fish and Game Commission as the preferred alternative for the North Central Coast phase of the MLPA. My review of Proposal 2XA resulted in it surfacing as the best suited proposal for all concerned. It provides strong conservation, all required elements of the MLPA, and meets the guidelines established by the Blue Ribbon Task Force.

I am an avid sportsman and conservationist and have been for all of my adult life. I served as Chairman of the El Dorado County Fish & Game Committee for several years and was involved in endangered species and plant protection programs as well as stream / fishery restoration projects and many other conservation minded programs while a member of that committee. I fish recreationally and practice catch and release almost exclusively whether I am fishing in saltwater or freshwater. I have fished commercially in the past and only used rod and reels. I currently am involved in Charter fishing with a small business in Southern California. Through these experiences I've been able to sample a different segment or view as a consumer a non-consumer and can relate to the impact that various stakeholders in the MLPA process may feel with any drastic changes. This is why Proposal 2XA is the preferred alternative.

Proposal 2XA conserves the marine environment and the needs of stakeholders, including consumptive and non-consumptive users. I believe that all interested parties would equally benefit from this proposal because it can appropriately designate areas of coastline to conserve marine resources, and at the same time, protect the economies of local communities. What 2XA provides is a network of MPA's with a strong conservative backbone, based on marine reserves that provide preferred size and spacing guidelines, while minimizing recreational fishing closures and the related economical losses.

Proposal 2XA was created with much thought and careful consideration to the marine environment and is a model which the State of California can be proud of. It is a plan that will work for everyone. I strongly urge you to support the marine environment and its users by endorsing Proposal 2CA, **in its entirety**, to the California Department of Fish and Game as the preferred alternative.

Sincerely,
Gary Black
17 Charleston Lane
Coto de Caza, CA 92679

MLPA Initiative
C/O California Resources Agency
1416 Ninth ST
Suite 1311
Sacramento, Ca 95814

March 25, 2008

Re: Support for Plan 2-XA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to voice my support for MLPA Plan 2-XA. I have been fishing most of my life. I have memories back to as young as about six years of age, and my father taking me to the local lake in San Francisco. At that lake he taught me the basic principles of fishing and caring for the outdoors. As I grew in age and wisdom, these outings with my father allowed for much one on one quality time, bonding, and getting to know each other well. It was on these fishing trips that my father and I had the time and opportunity to discuss the issues that I faced as a young child, a growing teen, adolescent and a young man.

I credit fishing and outdoor experiences with much of the lessons I've learned about life, the formation of my work ethic, and my morals as an adult and more importantly the time I was able to spend with my father which I feel made the person I am today. I believe that Plan 2-XA best represents all concerned by best protecting the fisheries and continuing to allow sport fishing and the family outings that it creates.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Schumacher", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Schumacher
1232 Myrtle Court
Lemoore, Ca
93245
Dreamcatcher_two@sbcglobal.net

Michael Bland
1243A 14th Ave
San Francisco, CA 94122

April 25, 2008

To whom it may concern:

I am a fisherman and environmentalist in San Francisco who loves wildlife and enjoying the outdoors. Part of that includes Kayak fishing and free diving for abalone that both seem like extremely benign forms of entertainment as far as environmental impact.

Recreational fishermen and especially divers and kayakers are the best friends that the ocean and rivers and lakes can have. We have almost no negative environmental impact and we care passionately about our waters. Proposal 4 would close many north coast diving areas and concentrate all of the diving and fishing in the Fort Ross area. It would essentially wipe out populations in the few remaining open areas and would allow fishing in areas that are essentially non-accessible.

Proposal 2XA spreads out the open diving and fishing areas and would create marine reserves out of some non-accessible areas of coastline where it makes more sense.

I am a member of the North Coast Steelhead Alliance, California Trout, Trout Unlimited, the Northern California Fly Fishing Board and several other organizations that care about the health of the waters in our state. I care very much about our rivers and coast and do my part in keeping them clean. I have long thought that lower bag limits and less commercial fishing would be a big benefit to fish populations while still allowing people like me to enjoy the ocean and catch a few fish. I think by closing many portions of the coast you're doing it a big disservice. Nothing makes it easier for abalone poachers than having the area closed to abalone diving so there are no rangers around.

I support proposal 2XA and hope that it will be considered for adoption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael Bland". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Bland



PLEASE SUPPORT MLPA PROPOSAL 2-XA

Lets not take this invaluable time away from the next generation and our future!



A fair and balanced, well thought out proposal....

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA

Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines

Proposal 2-XA is enforceable and will have broad public support

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups

Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection.

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.

Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers.

Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community.

My Name Pony Korman

My Address: 49 Montez Rd San Anselmo CA 94960

eMail your comments of support to: MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov or mail this letter to:

MLPA Initiative c/o California Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814

Need more info. Visit www.coastsidefishingclub.com

PLEASE SUPPORT MLPA PROPOSAL 2-XA

**Lets not take this invaluable time away
from the next generation and our future!**



A fair and balanced, well thought of proposal....

Proposal 2-XA is a well balanced and strong conservation proposal that does not have significant adverse socioeconomic impacts on commercial and/or recreational fishermen and divers but:

Proposal 2-XA achieves the scientific and conservation goals of the MLPA

Proposal 2-XA meets Department of Fish and Game feasibility guidelines

Proposal 2-XA is enforceable and will have broad public support

Proposal 2-XA is the only proposal to have broad support from a wide range of fishing user groups

Proposal 2-XA has a strong backbone of marine reserves with seven core areas where a State Marine Reserve serves as the foundation of the MPA cluster

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on total ecosystem protection with an emphasis on the "High" level of protection.

Proposal 2-XA places an emphasis on contributing to a network of MPAs in the "preferred" size range.

Proposal 2-XA has the support of a vast array of commercial and recreational fishermen/women and divers.

Proposal 2-XA and/or its individual components has the support of many in the conservation community.

My Name Raleigh Chaix My Address: 7351 Circle Dr Robert Park CA 94428

eMail your comments of support to: MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov or mail this letter to:

MLPA Initiative c/o California Resources Agency, 1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311 Sacramento, CA 95814